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1. BELOW AS PARA 4 IS THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AS FINALLY AGREED TO BY THE G-77 IN THE COURSE OF PROTRACTED INTRA-GROUP NEGOTIATIONS. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT REFERENCE TO THE NETWORK HAS BEEN DROPPED.

2. THE EMPHASIS IN THE NEW TEXT IS CLEARLY ON THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS, AND WILL REQUIRE A STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. A DECISION MAY BE TAKEN ON FRIDAY, JULY 22, ALTHOUGH NEXT WEEK IS MORE LIKELY.

3. OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE, INVOLVING EXPENDITURES, ALL BUT PARA 6 SEEM SELF-EXPLANATORY. SPECIFICALLY, PARA 6 IS INTENDED TO FINANCE ADDITIONS OF FURTHER REPRESENTATIVES TO UN AGENCIES, OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY COVERED IN RESOLUTION 2028 (LXI) PARA 5 (AND WIPO, WHICH IS FINANCING AN EXPERT TO WORK ON THE CONFERENCE). IT COULD ALSO PROVIDE A HANDLE FOR THE GRESFORD APPOINTMENT,
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ALTHOUGH THE AFRICANS ARE REPORTEDLY SEEKING AN EVENTUAL DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL POSITION FOR THEMSELVES. PARA 9 IS AN EFFORT AT ACCOMMODATING SELA, WITHOUT SIDESTEPPING ECLA.

4. AGENDA ITEM 14. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

YUGOSLAVIA: DRAFT RESOLUTION (THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IS SUBMITTED

BY YUGOSLAVIA ON BEHALF OF THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF 77.)

PREPARATORY PERIOD FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3201 AND 3202 (S-VI) ON THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3281 (XXIX) ON THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, WHICH LAID THE FOUNDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AS WELL AS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII) ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION,

RECALLING ALSO RESOLUTION 87 (IV) OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, ON STRENGTHENING THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

RECALLING FURTHER THE LIMA DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION,

RECALLING FURTHER ITS RESOLUTION 2028 (LXI) RELATING TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY SECTION II OF PARAGRAPH 3, WHICH STRESSES THE IMPORT-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANCE AND PURPOSE OF THE PREPARATORY PERIOD FOR THE CONFERENCE AT THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS,

RECALLING FURTHER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/184 (XXI) OF 21 DEC 1976, ON THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT, PARAGRAPH 6 OF WHICH REQUESTS THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TIME NEEDED FOR THE REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS, TO SUBMIT ITS PROPOSALS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-THIRD SESSION,

REAFFIRMING THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE CO-ORDINATION AT ALL LEVELS DURING THE PREPARATORY PERIOD OF THE SAID CONFERENCE,

TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT ON ITS FIRST SESSION (A/32/43 AND CORR.1),

1. STRONGLY AFFIRMS THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE AIMED AT THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS CIRCUITS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE SOLUTION OF THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS THROUGH THE MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF THEIR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITIES;

2. URGES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND EXECUTIVE HEADS OF AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED TO ENSURE THE SPEEDY ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PRACTICAL MEASURES AIMED AT CO-ORDINATING THE PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONFERENCE, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING MACHINERY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/184;

3. RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE AGENCIES CONCERNED SHOULD PROVIDE THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT WITH ADDITIONAL RESOURCES NECESSARY TO ASSIST GOVERNMENTS IN THE PREPARATION OF THEIR NATIONAL PAPERS UNDER THE TERMS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3540 (XXX) OF 17 \$3: 1975 ON UNFORESEEN AND EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES IN THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977 IN THE LIGHT OF PARAGRAPH 47 OF THE REPORT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND ITS RESOLUTION 2 (I);

4. RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES THAT THE NECESSARY RESOURCES BE PROVIDED TO THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT IN ORDER TO ASSIST GOVERNMENTS IN THE ORGANIZATION OF SEMINARS AND TASK FORCES AT ALL LEVELS, AS RECOMMENDED IN COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 2034 (LXI) AND IN PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5 OF THE FULL PARTICIPATION IN THESE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SEMINARS BY EXPERTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

5. RECOMMENDS FURTHER THAT FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979 SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES BE PROVIDED TO THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT, SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER CONCERNED BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE APPROPRIATE PREPARATION OF THE CONFERENCE;

6. RECOMMENDS THAT, IN ORDER TO ENSURE AN APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION OF THE VARIOUS PARTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, ADEQUATE FUNDS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT AS WELL AS TO THE VARIOUS AGENCIES CONCERNED IN ORDER THAT A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF POSTS AT THE LEVEL OF SENIOR OFFICER BE ESTABLISHED IN THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT, WITH DUE REGARD TO THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION;

7. STRESSES THE NECESSITY TO PROVIDE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS WITH ADEQUATE FUNDS REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT SATISFACTORILY THE RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED TO THEM IN PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6 OF DECISION 1 (I) OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND IN THAT REGARD DUE ACCOUNT SHOULD BE TAKEN OF THE PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH REGION;

8. REQUESTS THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT, IN PREPARING THE REGIONAL PAPERS, THE DECISIONS OF SUBREGIONAL OR REGIONAL MEETINGS CONVENED BY GOVERNMENTS IN OTHER FORUMS OF REGIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CO-COPERATION;

9. REQUESTS FURTHER THAT, WITH RESPECT TO THE LATIN-AMERICAN REGION, THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA SHOULD CO-ORDINATE ALL THE ACTIVITIES PERTAINING TO THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON DEVELOPMENT WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM (SELA);

10. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INCLUDE IN HIS REPORT ON THE PREPARATORY WORK OF THE CONFERENCE, TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND SESSION, A SECTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

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